

LIBYAN STUDENTS STRIKE AGAINST LANGUAGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Libyan students have announced that they are on strike and will boycott all classes until their demands for admission into the regular university program are met.

The Libyan students allege that admission standards are not being applied equitably and that the whole system is designed to milk them of as much money as possible. According to Dr. Padraig Blenkinsop, Director of Continuing Education and Part-time Studies, "economics doesn't even enter into the issue."

Mustafa Ibrahim, the spokesperson for the Libyans claims that almost all the students scored over 500 on the TOEFL (Test of English as

a Foreign Language) and are qualified to go to university this year. Ibrahim stated in an interview with the Lambda that "the (Libyan) government paid a lot of money to this university for each person and they (L.U. Administration) want us to stay as long as they can to get a lot of money".

The Libyan students have spent seven months in the English Second Language (ESL) programme which is termed by Ibrahim as "useless" and which costs \$135 per student per week.

Ibrahim alleges that Malaysian and Chinese students were admitted with TOEFL marks lower than those held by Libyan students who were rejected. Dr. Brennan, Assist-

ant Registrar, Admissions Office, denied this, stating that in previous years students were admitted with TOEFL marks below 530 but that during this year no one had gained admission with less than 530 points.

Under normal university requirements a mark of 550 is required for admission. However, past experience has been for the Senate Committee on Admissions, Promotions and Petitions to allow students to register provided they had the approval of the director of ESL and they agreed to take ENGL 1550 in order to improve their English.

According to Blenkinsop and Brennan, the first group of Libyans who arrived

two or three years ago were given "special consideration".

Under this special arrangement Libyan students who scored as low as 475 on the TOEFL were allowed to proceed in the regular university program if they had completed 18 months of English language instruction and were given a recommendation by the director of ESL, Dr. Stanley Mullins.

Ibrahim argues that if a student with 18 months of language training and a mark of 475 could study in university, why couldn't he gain admission with a mark of 510 after only seven months of instruction. "We want to be treated like other students" state Ibrahim; "let me go into

university and if I fail, that is my problem, you are not responsible for me, I am responsible for myself.

In fact, Ibrahim apparently initially gained the recommendation of Dr. Mullins who in a letter to Brennan wrote, "Re: *Mustafa IBRAHIM, This Student received 510 on his last TOEFL, written on October 1, 1983. Although this score is below the official 530 level required for admittance to Laurentian University, I would ask that you give special consideration to this student's request to enter first-year science as a regular student at this time. His spoken English and his level of comprehension, as well as his grades from Libya, indicate that he has a very good chance of succeeding in a regular programme. I suggest, however, that he be required to take ENGL 1550 as part of his first-term programme, either immediately or during intercession or summer of 1984.*" S.G. Mullins.

Ibrahim claims he took Mullin's recommendation to Brennan who then told him that there was no problem; that he could attend regular classes but it might be better to wait until after the APP meeting confirmed the recommendation later that day. However, Ibrahim alleges that when he returned later that day he was informed by Dr. Brennan that Dr. Mullins had come into the office and "crossed off" his recommendation.

The Libyan students were successful in insisting on a meeting with Dr. Henry Best, President of Laurentian University. Best offered to allow all the Libyan students to take university course, while they continued in the ESL program until January.

This offer was rejected by the Libyan students whose spokesperson stated, "If the university would agree to let us all enter the university now, we would appreciate it; if not, we are on strike and will write our government to stop paying money to the ESL program because it is useless." Ibrahim continued, "We'll study hard alone to get the required score in TOEFL so we can study at another university such as Lakehead. I called Lakehead and they said O.K. to our registering in the regular program of study in January."

on behalf of Laurentian students on controversial issues but rather that his mandate was to "promote student's interests on education" and ancillary issues such as accessibility, bussing, administration, etc. "We're an embattled group" facing issues that "threaten the continued effectiveness of universities" argued Erskine. "Too much of our energy is being diffused" by addressing non-education issues, added Erskine who went on to suggest "let's look after our own home turf".

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LAMBDA

Laurentian University

PROPOSED WEIGHTED VOTING IN OFS COULD MAKE NORTHERN PARTICIPATION POINTLESS

TORONTO (CUP)--Large schools may soon have more of a voice than small schools in the affairs of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

At a conference held in Toronto Sept. 22-25 the federation voted to have its executive study the idea of giving student councils from institutions with large enrolments more votes in OFS plenary meetings than those from institutions with few students.

The idea--called "weighted voting"--was one of the most controversial items on the OFS agenda. Large schools like McMaster, Carleton, Western and Waterloo strongly favored weighted voting, while Trent, Lakehead, Laurentian and St. Lawrence College were opposed.

In an interview with Lambda, Mike Erskine, VP External for the SGA pointed out that under strictly proportional representation the seven member institutions of northern Ontario which already have a difficult time getting regional issues addressed under the existing voting system would have no real voice or influence at all.

However, debate at the OFS conference did not pit the larger against the smaller exclusively. Guelph, one of the bigger schools, opposed weighted voting, while Fanshawe and Humber colleges favored it.

Kathy Popaleni of McMaster University said large institutions pay more money to OFS and have more students and that this should be recognized by the federation.

Popaleni said giving a larger voice to large schools wouldn't really alter the decision making process at OFS. She said achieving weighted voting was a matter of symbolic importance on large campuses.

"It's mainly to bring back to your campus that you are being represented as a larger school," she said.

But Nancy O'Neill of Kingston St. Lawrence College disputed Popaleni's claim.

"There are 10 colleges that would have one vote each and there are six or seven universities that would have one vote each and there are six or seven universities that would have 29 or 30 votes. They (the large schools) would have the majority right there," O'Neill said.

"We've got 15,000 students, we're the third largest institution in OFS, why don't we have more say? Why does Carleton have the same say as Algoma College with 186 students?" Hayward said.

Erskine stated that representation by population might be acceptable to Laurentian provided that the delegates were elected by members at large instead of being appointed by the large university councils.

Erskine claimed that the delegates of the large universities don't participate during the workshops where all the hard work and studying of issues is conducted. "Those big institutions all they want to do is sit on their ass and dominate plenary" fumed

Erskine.

Other schools proposed compromise solutions to the problem. Laurentian representative Michael Erskine suggested a two-house system for OFS. In plenary (the main decision making body) each institution would have one vote. However, in the workshops (subcommittees of plenary charged with developing motions for consideration by the whole body) large schools would cast votes in proportion to the student population on their campuses.

Cathy Laurier of the Graduate Students' Union at the University of Toronto said she was not unequivocally opposed to some form of weighted voting, but she cautioned against ignoring the

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OFS/CFS-O SHOULD NOT ADDRESS DIVISIVE ISSUES

TORONTO (CUP)--The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) shouldn't take a stand on issues like abortion, the arms race or nuclear energy, according to the University of Western Ontario (UWO) Students' Council.

UWO provoked a long, emotional debate at the Ontario Federation of Students conference when it proposed a motion that would limit the organization to consideration of issues strictly related to post-secondary education.

Although the UWO motion

was tabled until the next OFS meeting in January, the debate touched on the nature and purpose of the Canadian student movement.

Ros Marowits, a delegate from UWO, said OFS shouldn't deal with issues students can't agree on.

"It's fine to say you're for nuclear disarmament, but it doesn't affect the students directly. Things like housing directly affect them and nuclear disarmament is something that's not going to be resolved, so why waste time discussing it?" Marowits said.

OFS should discuss accessibility to post-secondary education, the problems of foreign students, student aid and cutbacks in research funding, he added.

In an interview with Lambda, Mike Erskine VP External stated that he and the other SGA delegate Barry Schmidl both supported the UWO motion. "We don't feel the OFS/CFS should take stands on issues that are fairly divisive in society" stated Erskine.

Erskine added that he didn't feel he had a mandate to speak

EDITORIAL: HAS THE EDITOR BEEN UNFAIR?

It would be preferable in the opinion of this editor, if readers were given "the last word" and letters to the editor were left un rebutted. However, a letter to the editor last week from the Treasurer of the SGA, a letter this week for the head of SGA student security; and a verbal attack by VP Social Eddy Gaudreault and President of the SGA Ken McNeil at last week's SGA meeting have all alleged that I, as editor of Lambda, have abused my position to fuel a personal feud with Ken McNeil.

Thus, I feel it is crucial to the continued credibility of Lambda that these charges be answered. It has been said that I have written nothing good about Ken McNeil in my editorials. That is true. It has been said, that Ken McNeil has done many good things to improve the efficiency of the SGA office. I believe that is also true.

Three times I have requested information relating the the SGA (job descriptions, list of council members and audit) in order to write stories and each time I've been told to come back later. That is part of the reason there have been not good stories about the work of Ken McNeil.

McNeil's performance at council meetings has not deserved any good press. One SGA council member

approached me to give me hell for not saying something good about Ken McNeil. I replied, "Name one thing McNeil did at that meeting that deserves a pat on the back". The council member was stuck for an answer.

My quarrel has never been with Ken McNeil personally but rather with the conduct of last year's election. There is no evidence acceptable to a court of law that any candidate acted unethically or gained votes improperly. It is undeniable that a long list of election irregularities, whether by design or oversight, served to give one candidate unfair advantage over the others and rendered the election results unverifiable.

Furthermore, either by design or oversight, the ratification of the election by last year's SGA council was not conducted in accordance with the SGA constitution nor was it based on an accurate report of the election irregularities.

Only after Ken McNeil refused to trade an admission of election irregularities for the written endorsement of the two losing candidates; only after a farcical election review by last year's council; only after a later council meeting which called for a new election was ignored by Ken McNeil did one of the losing candidate and myself launch a legal

action to force Ken McNeil out of office and cause a new election to be held as the final council meeting (not recognized as legal by McNeil) had decided. McNeil took it personally and perhaps that's not hard to understand.

Actually, at this point in the game, I personally feel there is more good to be gained and more justice to be achieved by changing the election bylaws and procedures to prevent future abuse and irregularities, than could ever come about from forcing McNeil from office. I still have no personal axe to grind with McNeil though I do act predictably when shit upon. I make mention of the election issue only because McNeil and his

friends have themselves alluded to it.

As for the unfair reporting, complained about by Richard (Jethro) Lafreniere, I figure he shoots himself in the foot in that letter. In the first place, as council members will recall, I was eloquent about freedom of the press for fifteen minutes or more and got worse press than Jethro in the paper I edit. Jethro didn't like the reporter quoting him as an admitted chauvinist pig but then goes on and says, "That I fired staff member Marlene McIntosh because she was a girl is true..." which seems to justify the reporter's coverage.

You may recall that VP Social Gaudreault had accused the editor of gross distortion

of fact when I referred to McNeil's motion to "hire at least one woman on student security" as an attempt to limit the employment of women for that position.

Thanks to Jethro's letter we now have two things in writing: 1. Ken McNeil and Jethro shared in the decision to fire the only woman working security despite Jethro's repeated assertion that she was doing a good job. 2. Jethro would prefer to not have any woman on student security and he is responsible for hiring. It takes no great ability in logical thought to figure out how many women will be hired under the status quo. I rest my case.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is a protest against censorship that has been carried out on television viewing in the Voyageur Pub. For the information of the unaware, Lambda has reported that the Director of Services was prevailed upon by student protest to keep the First Choice pay TV channel off the air during Playboy programs.

It is frightening and demoralizing that a group of university students can see fit to seek such restrictions on the rights and freedoms of others.

The decision of what to watch on TV should be up to the individual. You and I should personally make the choice of what we want to watch and not be directed in this matter by a group of self-appointed vigilantes.

Neither maturity nor responsibility of choice will ever be had by the individual is what he or she watches is diluted by others. People must learn to make these choices for themselves, on the basis of merit. Never having to make the

choice, however, means never learning to make such choices.

The student protestors stopped this program on the basis of a moral issue--their moral value. While you may agree with their values in this case, suppose next time, or the time after, you disagree with your censor's decision.

Why should their values prevail over yours? By then it may be too late to ask. Any philosophy student can tell you what a weird and wonderful assortment of con-

flicting values the human mind has created.

Moral and ethical considerations are so individual, so potentially different, that these cannot be made a basis for broadcast selection. Program popularity would be a much better criterion.

Is censorship part of the Laurentian Experience? Yes, I guess it is. Remember, though, that censorship is like castration of the brain.

Tom Moffatt
Laurentian University, 1983

It was a first class presentation and a great kick off to National Universities Week on the Laurentian campus. On behalf of the the Laurentian National Universities Week Committee, I would like to express our appreciation.

I believe it was one of the best presentations of bilingualism that we have had at the University, with so many anglophone and francophone students moving with ease between the two languages. It was a very enjoyable evening. We hope it will become an annual event.

Sincerely,
Jean Baxter

Associate Director of Communications & Development,
Chairperson of the Laurentian National Universities Week Committee.

LAMBDA

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interest of small institutions.

"There's a perception among the small institutions that the federation would not be meeting their needs adequately. I think it's important to take those perceptions into account in whatever system is ultimately developed. All institutions should feel the federation can meet their needs," Laurier said.

The idea of weighted voting will be further considered by the OFS at its January

conference. If no suitable compromise emerges "further involvement with the OFS would be pointless" Erskine told Lambda. "We're not getting out of the OFS" Erskine declared and added that they were considering the possibility that a strictly northern lobby and research staff might be more cost effective than continued participation in the OFS under a weighted voting system and a Toronto-based "northern fieldworker."

LARGE INTIMIDATING STUDENT SECURITY "ASKING FOR TROUBLE"

The SGA and student security are "only inviting trouble" and provoking violence" by employing large intimidating males said John Lavoie; a 20 year veteran of Correctional Services Canada and a member of a federal government taskforce which studied the employment of women in federal prisons.

"It's hard to believe that there are people around who still think like that" Lavoie said when told that the SGA's head of security and some members of council favoured the employment of "large intimidating males" for student security.

Lavoie explained that in 1975/76 the national government set up a taskforce to study the possibility of hiring women as guards in the national prison system. At that time, prisons were the only federal jobs women were excluded from by the job description.

The taskforce visited minimum and medium security prisons in the United States where women were already working as guards. They also interviewed officers on police forces employing women and talked to the correctional officers, inmates, unions and administration of the Canadian prison system. Lavoie said the taskforce discovered "all kinds of myths and emotions" and a great deal of resistance to the employment of women as correctional officers.

According to Lavoie, all the guards complained that women wouldn't be strong enough and they claimed a female guard would be of no use if serious trouble broke out. Many guards in fact threatened to quit if women were hired.

"We told them to go ahead and quit because we don't need their type" said Lavoie who had worked the corridors,

cell blocks and towers as a guard before moving to national headquarters.

Lavoie related how the actual experience of police forces and prisons employing women was diametrically opposite to the myths and fears of those opposing the use of women as guards.

Last weekend Lavoie met the head of security at a B.C. prison who during the hearings of the taskforce in 1975/76 had vehemently opposed the hiring of women. "I have six [women] now working for me" the chief of security said, "and I'd take thirty more tomorrow if I could get them and fire a slew of my male staff".

The experience has been similar across Canada and the United States. Although there is still a great deal of resistance in many prisons to equal employment; those who have

employed women have found them more conscientious in fulfilling their duties than male staff.

In police forces, many police officers now actually prefer a female partner when answering the potentially explosive domestic dispute calls. It has been found that two burly male police officers at the door often immediately creates an atmosphere of tension and confrontation. The presence of both a male and female officer at the door of a domestic dispute is safer since it tends to aid in diffusing the situation.

Lavoie related the story of a Montreal pub owner who had such a problem with fights that his pub had earned a bad reputation. Finally, fed up with the situation he fired his all-male staff and started over with only women waitresses.

"His problem ended over night" Lavoie said, with a

smile that expressed both his approval and sense of humour at the irony of it all.

Lavoie agreed that the use of large intimidating security staff had a negative attitudinal effect on both the security staff and on the public. Such a security staff would tend to rely on force and not consider all their options for diffusing violence. The target of security efforts would be more prone to feel intimidated and challenged into a violent confrontation. Lavoie suggested the result was predictable and that such conditions would lead to more frequent confrontations and violence.

Lavoie found it surprising that the head of student security would want large intimidating staff. He pointed out that student security have no legal right to use force beyond that of any private citizen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAD OF STUDENT SECURITY CRIES FOUL

Dear Editor:

Let me say that I was disappointed, but not at all surprised, at Lambda's one-sided coverage of the latest "scandal" on campus. I am of course referring to the issue of women's equal right on Student Security, in which I, Richard (Jethro) Lafreniere, was involved. That I fired that staff member Marlene McIntosh because she was a girl is true and was well publicized in Lambda, but the reasons for my doing so were never questioned until the SGA Council meeting on Tuesday, October 4. And on Tuesday, October 4, I did present and clearly explain my reasons for this action. But in reading this week's Lambda nothing I explained was included in your story on the issue.

After defending my position an answering questions for approximately one hour the final report in Lambda concluded: "After Richard (Jethro) Lafreniere, the head of security had his say, stating that "you can call me chauvinistic if you want," McNeil presented his report on the hiring policies of other universities."

It is very interesting to me how Lambda places such importance on equal rights for women in this institution (to which I am not at all opposed) and yet has little regard for my right to have my views expressed fairly.

Well, Lambda readers, Jethro is going to tell the story as it is--as it should have been reported in Lambda in the first place. First of all, Marlene McIntosh was fired because Ken McNeil and I decided to do so on the grounds that we could make such a decision.

There was nothing in the SGA Constitution (from last year) stating that women had to be employed on student security, and nothing concrete on how student security was to be run, for that matter. When I started my job (the result of an SGA election) in May I was told by the SGA president, the head of campus security, the pub manager, and the director of services that I could run Student Security as I saw it fit. This included hiring and firing policy. So when we decided not to hire females in the fall we thought we had the authority to do so.

But Lambda only chose to expose the fired employee's side of the story; namely that of a victim of her gender. I was never asked to give my view and when the story came out I was as surprised as everyone.

Second of all, the latest story in Lambda only states that I am an admitted chauvinist. It made no mention of what I said at the meeting, in which context I admitted to being a male chauvinist oink-oink, and more importantly, that Marlene McIntosh was rehired. (See Editor's note).

All of this leads me to conclude that I was just another pawn in the political chess game that Lambda is playing with the SGA, ie. Ken McNeil. I feel this whole issue was blown out of proportion by Lambda, who turned a matter of constitution into one of women's rights. Yes, Lambda included both their stories but the emphasis was on the latter rather than the former.

I think that I am as such a victim of rights denial as Marlene McIntosh was because of this "scandal" my

name and reputation have been sullied. I think that Lambda owes me an apology for what they did, but I won't hold my breath. However there is some good that came out of this. My position as Head of Student Security will be reviewed and my duties and liberties formalized. This I hope will prevent my successor from undergoing a similar

"scandal" in the future
Your Devoted Head of
Student Security,
Richard [Jethro] Lafreniere

Editor's Note:

Lambda had three reporters at the SGA Council meeting. None heard Lafreniere ever

mention that Marlene McIntosh had been rehired. Neither did the Vice-President for External Relations, Mike Erskine who was beside Mr. Lafreniere at the meeting. Neither is such a statement recorded in the minutes of the council meeting. In other words, Mr. Lafreniere is angry at Lambda for not reporting what he didn't say.



NORTHERN SCHOOLS FIGHT FOR BETTER SERVICE FROM OFS

TORONTO (CUP)--Northern Ontario colleges and universities may soon have an Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) fieldworker stationed in the north. And the fieldworker may be bilingual.

At the OFS fall conference in Toronto Sept. 22-25 the federation adopted a motion put forward by Laurentian University calling on the OFS executive to study ways and means of basing a fieldworker in the north.

Currently the fieldworker responsible for northern institutions works from Toronto. OFS field staff help student councils and clubs with organization and political problems and campaigns.

According to SGA VP External, Mike Erskine, the OFS so-called "northern-fieldworker" is not doing a very good job. Erskine expressed anger at the fact that the northern fieldworker has never found time to accept several invitations to come up north to Sudbury to learn first hand about the region he supposedly represents.

In fact, the Northern Fieldworker, Tim Feher, recently

contacted the SGA to say that he had more important commitments than the Northern conference being hosted by Laurentian SGA Council October 22-24. Three northern post secondary institutions that aren't even members of the OFS have stated they will be sending delegates to the conference.

Barry Schmidl, one of two Laurentian University delegates to the conference, said he

was sorry OFS didn't vote to station a fieldworker in the north without further study. However, he said he thinks northern schools shouldn't have to wait too long for a fieldworker based in their area.

"There's a recognition by southern institutions that it's financially and logistically feasible there probably should be a northern fieldworker based in northern Ontario," Schmidl said.

He said it is important for the next northern fieldworker to be bilingual. Laurentian is a bilingual university and more than 30 per cent of the population of Northern Ontario is French-speaking.

The final decision on the stationing of the next northern fieldworker will probably be made at the OFS winter conference in January.

Erskine suggested that the northern fieldworker issue was

put off as a bargaining ploy to gain concessions from northern institutions on the controversial weighted voting proposal presently under consideration by the OFS which could reduce the significance of Laurentian's participation to the level of being meaningless. However, "Barring OFS staff sabotage", Erskine believes the chances of having the northern fieldworker based in the north as "pretty good".

BARNES INCIDENT CAUSES CONCERN

Concern over the Ontario Council on the Status of Women goes beyond Sally Barnes' views on the equal pay for work of equal value says NAC representative.

Jennifer Keck, chairperson of the Employment Committee of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, recently reiterated the concerns of the group in a LAMBDA interview.

The Sally Barnes incident raised the question of what the role of government-appointed Advisory Councils is, said Keck.

Barnes left the position of

press aid to the Premier for the appointment as chairperson for the Ontario Council on the Status of Women last fall. She had had no previous involvement in the women's movement Keck said.

At this time Barnes made early statements that equal pay for work of equal value was impractical, despite the fact that all major women's groups supported the legislation.

Women's groups were skeptical but agreed that Barnes should be allowed the chance to confer with them before they criticise her sharply.

Now, a year later, after

consulting with a number of women's groups, Barnes has testified before the Standing Committee on Procedural Affairs.

She told the legislative committee that equal pay for work of equal value was impractical, controversial and expensive. She also said similar things about affirmative action and daycare Keck said.

While equal pay for work of equal value is important, it is more significant Keck said, that Barnes "is simply not representing our views on any critical employment issues".

Does Barnes represent women and act as a lobby group for women to government or "does she represent government and act as their representative telling us what we need," Keck asked.

Last month NAC, who represents 261 women's groups with three million members, asked for Barnes' resignation.

NAC's request is endorsed on campus by the Laurentian University Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and L.U.S.S.A., (Laurentian University Support Staff Association).

NAME YOUR YEARBOOK CONTEST

The yearbook staff would like to see that Laurentian University has a yearbook every academic year, therefore it should have a suitable name.

YOU can do this by entering the Name Your Yearbook contest. A booth will be set up in front of the Great Hall from Wednesday, October 12 to

Wednesday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The winning submission will receive a free yearbook and \$20.00 cash.

Yearbooks may be bought at this time for \$15.00 each.

A yearbook is your memento of your school year. Buy yours now.

Sandra Narduzzi
Yearbook Editor

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When asked by Lambda whether improved accessibility to university wouldn't be rather irrelevant if we don't succeed in averting nuclear war, Erskine acknowledged the importance of the issue of disarmament but pointed to the limited resources and poor organization of the student movement as reasons not to get involved in "large global issues that in our assessment are not going to be resolved."

Other delegates, however, objected strongly to the UWO motion. Cathy Laurier, president of U of T's Graduate Students' Union (GSU) said it is impossible to isolate issues of general social concern from issues strictly affecting students.

"You have to consider issues like military spending, which diverts money from post-secondary education. Issues like abortion are directly related to a large proportion of our members," Laurier said.

"We're not just students as people shut off in the confines of post-secondary institutions, we're also students as members of society," she said.

Kathy Popaleni of the McMaster Students' Union agreed, saying that the UWO attempt to limit debate to strictly issues was "too blanket".

"I believe that we have to

take a leadership position. Education is really important and so many of these issues are related to education. You have to think about the social conscience," Popaleni commented.

Joining UWO in supporting the motion were the University of Waterloo and Carleton University, while Trent and Guelph universities were opposed.

OFS chairperson Ian Nemes did not take part in the debate but after the discussion he pointed out that OFS currently has policies favouring an end to the arms race and free standing abortion clinics.

The OFS/CFS-O has passed two motions on abortion that have been a source of fierce debate at past conferences.

One was passed in 1975 calling for a removal of abortion from the Criminal Code and amnesty for Dr. Henry Morgentaler, the abortion activist, another passed in 1983, calling for free-standing abortion clinics and free access for abortion counselling at member institutions. The Federation has also gone on record as opposing the testing of the Cruise missile in Canada.

Nemes said that as chairperson he was not in a position to do more than point out CFS-O policy on various issues.

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DADDY WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE NUCLEAR WAR?

by Carl Goyle

Mao Tse-tung once said something to the effect that authority is dictated through the barrel of a gun. It might have been him or it might have been Musolini. Or again it might have been my roommate, Ziggy, who's heavily into philosophy (Zig's a third year major in Middle Ages Philosophy and Gargoyle Photography).

Anyway, I can state for a fact that might does right...all the time, everytime. It must be learnt by the rest of society--perhaps in the violent manner in which I was taught--that you don't mess around with the people in power. It should be realized, in the larger picture, that what the Americans and Russians are doing is a strategically sound idea.

Who we kill is no longer the name of the game--that's passe--but it's now how many times you can kill--or overkill--the entire population of the globe that counts.

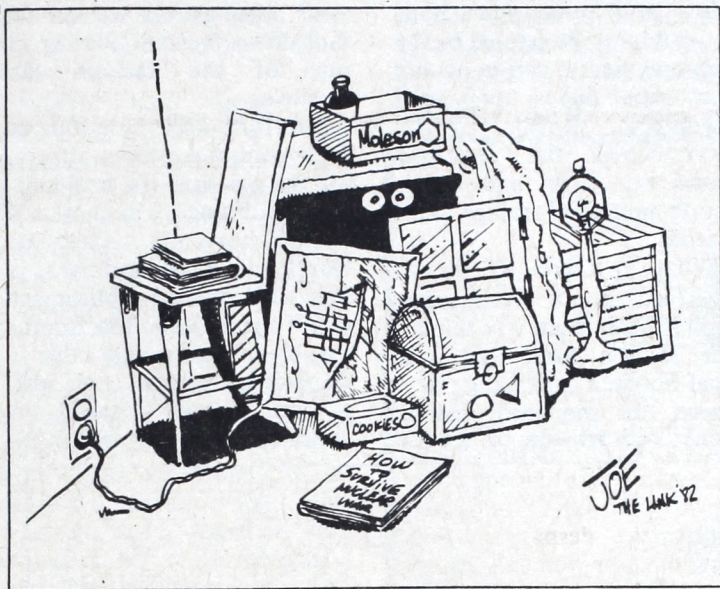
In the good ole days when Newfoundland fishermen could beat up Greenpeace wimps at sealing time and not end up on the National things were pretty easy for us. The Canadiens won the Stanley Cup each year and Margaret Trudeau still had not revealed herself to the world. We all lived in a glorified state of ignorance. Then along came the Islanders, Beyond Reason, Three Mile Island, Ronald Reagan, and MX missiles.

Now people are screaming and marching in the streets calling for a halt to nuclear build ups on both sides. They fail to see the illogicality in their ways. They're missing the subtle tactics in the game of diplomacy and nuclear armismanship (as directed under the accepted guidelines of the International Rulebook of Nuclear Annihilation and Windsurging--1968).

The potential to kill people is no longer in question--hell we can destroy the entire planet--but it is how many times you can kill them that counts. In Pentagon jargon it is called "overkill."

Today the Russians can overkill us by maybe only four or five times. To counter this Ronald Reagan said in his

ing either the U.S. or Soviets) slamming the door in the face of a door-to-door canvasser (the enemy). The kinetic energy produced and resulting destruction inflicted on the person's face was a bleeding nose (the explosion and resulting damage produced by a small nuclear attack). Hurting the poor canvasser



Innaugural Address that in his term of office he would "put a chicken in every pot and a cruise missile in every garage."

This promise should not be taken lightly since every West German now haw in his garage, besides a Volkswagen Rabbit, a Pershing II (which gets 38 miles per gallon city, 43 highway).\$

We are clearly in a new era of warfare of which we know nothing about. Still, all is not hopeless. We can always look to President Reagan for guidance and wisdom (a two-bit Hollywood actor who never even won an Academy Award).

There is a psychological explanation for this overkill situation, which was pointed out to me by one of my professors. In an analogy we saw an angry man (represent-

further would not be necessary since the desired effect of sending him away had been achieved.

Yet, one could apply more force to the slamming door, either by accident or intentionally, with the excuse that "it felt good at the time." In this case a broken nose would result.

The analogy, to the realistic in the U.S.-Soviet situation, would have the canvasser's head ripped from the neck by the impact and sent flying into your neighbour's yard across the street. The professor theorized that by following the U.S.-Soviet overkill example we could solve the problem of door-to-door canvassers in the matter of weeks. Yet how could this theory be applied to the ever-elusive Electrolux salesperson?

The thinking carried through to us by Pentagon experts is that the democratic nations would not want to be killed more times than the Russians while the Russians feel the same way. Although, at a certain point, the killing of corpses becomes somewhat rhetorical, there is the undeniable satisfaction in knowing that you have destroyed the enemy to your fullest potential. It is quite similar to killing a wasp. You're really not satisfied that he's dead until every inch of him has been pulverized and scraped out the door.

Examination has found that there is a true need for Western overkill potential to exceed that of the Soviets. In the 1973 McCarthy Senate Investigation on Nuclear Deployment it was found that one nuclear warhead of ten kilotons per Communist supporter might not be totally effective in eradicating the Red Menace. The destruction of a potential ideology might require two or three of such ten kiloton devices.

In 1974 came the famous Red Brazier experiment in which Communist subjects were chosen at random and placed in an Arizona atomic test site with two, ten kiloton devices strapped to their chests. The findings showed

that the more nuclear tonnage used the more effective the eradication would be. The Soviets copied this experiment using dissidents as the experimental test cases with the results being exactly the same.

Our future rests in the hands of scientists. It rests in the hope that they may develop even more economical and more effective nuclear weapons to that we might jump ahead of the Soviets in this new field. Whether or not we die is not a true issue. We must be kidding ourselves if we think that we can survive a nuclear war. I myself believe that survivalists are nothing but well-meaning optimists who kill.

There must be a stop to Soviet domination and if it takes a constant pounding of nuclear warheads into their skulls to prove it then so be it. Surely we could not ask for a manlier way to die?

As for us, we will die the same way we have lived our lives. Some will whimper and cower for shelter while others will choose cyanide or other quicker means. As for myself, I will be out on my front porch, lying on my lawn chair, sipping a Diet Coke and waiting for one hell of a sun tan. As Joan or Arc said, "You can turn me over when I'm done on this side."



ENTERTAINMENT * SHAKESPEARE IS ALIVE AND WELL [and Living in Stratford, Ontario]

by Lorie Cunningham

"Greetings and hallucinations."

For those of you unfamiliar with this salutation, it is a line from Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, which those on the recent Stratford excursion were fortunate enough to see.

Starring as Rosalind was Roberta Maxwell, a petite spritely redhead, who radiated energy. Andrew Gillies portrayed her lover, Orlando, and together they entranced and entrained the audience meriting a well-deserved standing ovation.

On the Previous night, September 28th, an elaborate production of *Macbeth* was staged. The special effects were amazing. Not only is the Festival Theatre equipped with an extraordinary light and sound system capable of

successfully simulating an electrical thunderstorm, but also boasts of several automatic trap doors through which ghosts and ghouls appear and disappear creating a truly nightmarish atmosphere. Nicholai Rennell portrayed the doomed Macbeth, giving a powerful performance.

Earlier that day, *Richard II*, starring Brian Bedford as the ill-fated monarch, was enjoyed by all. Regarded as one of Shakespeare's better historical plays, one was immersed in the Elizabethan world and marvelled at the pomp and pageantry of the English court, but at the same time, recoiled in horror from its cruelty and murderous power struggles.

In retrospect, I think it safe to state that everyone enjoyed

all three plays which are to be highly praised for their aesthetic qualities. The magnificent costumes, the detailed scenery, the superb acting made one as a child again--filled with awe at the experience of live theatre.

Accommodations? Well, when you open your hotel room door to be greeted by the sink and vanity, you know it's not quite up to par with Toronto's Royal York. Nevertheless, the Stratford Hotel was clean and quasi-comfortable, all things considered.

What is there to do in Stratford on a Wednesday night? More than you think. The Jester's Arms Pub is a local hot-spot and hang-out. There, one can enjoy casual drinks with friends, or opt for

dancing, or rub elbows with actors at the bar (a few of us were bold enough to request autographs which were graciously given). If you're hungry for a late night snack, Tim Horton's is a stone's throw away. Still not tired - go back to the hotel, jump into your pyjamas and wander up and down the hall joining in one of the various gab sessions.

Stratford itself is a quaint and picturesque town attracting the creative, the imaginative, the dramatic, in short it's "artsy heaven". One of Stratford's latest landmarks is in a local eating establishment called the English Tea Room; for, at an obtuse side table is an ordinary wooden chair with a little plaque attached on which the following is inscribed,

"Dustin Hoffman, September 18th, 1983". On the quizzing the waitress, we discovered that the famed actor played at the Avon Theatre only ten days earlier. Needless to say, my lunch companions and I each sat on the privileged spot before leaving.

Speaking for myself, I enjoyed the trip immensely, and would share in the comment made by one audience member in the question and answer period which followed *As You Like It*,

"Thank-you Stratford; Shakespeare would be proud to see his plays produced here; home to some of the best theatre in North America."

CFS-O STEPS UP

FRANCOPHONE

SERVICES

TORONTO (CUP)--Ontario's largest student organization took steps to improve services for francophone students at a Sept. 22-25 conference. The gentle nudge towards bilingualism came from the Carleton and Laurentian University delegates.

After charging the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario is bilingual in name only, Carleton student Dan Hayward convinced delegates to direct their executive to hire a bilingual fieldworker for Northern Ontario, if possible.

More than 30 per cent of Northern Ontario is French-speaking. "The francophone students of Ontario have the right to the representation," Hayward said.

He noted the federation's current executive is completely unilingual.

"When the journalists from the CBC's network came to the conference they couldn't find a member of the executive who spoke French," Hayward said.

Bilingualism will not be a strong consideration in the hiring of future federation staff, and some education material will be printed in French, according to motions passed at the conference.

Boris Ulehla, an observer from the University of Ottawa student council, said his organization will not consider joining CFS-O unless the federation becomes representatives of French-speaking students.

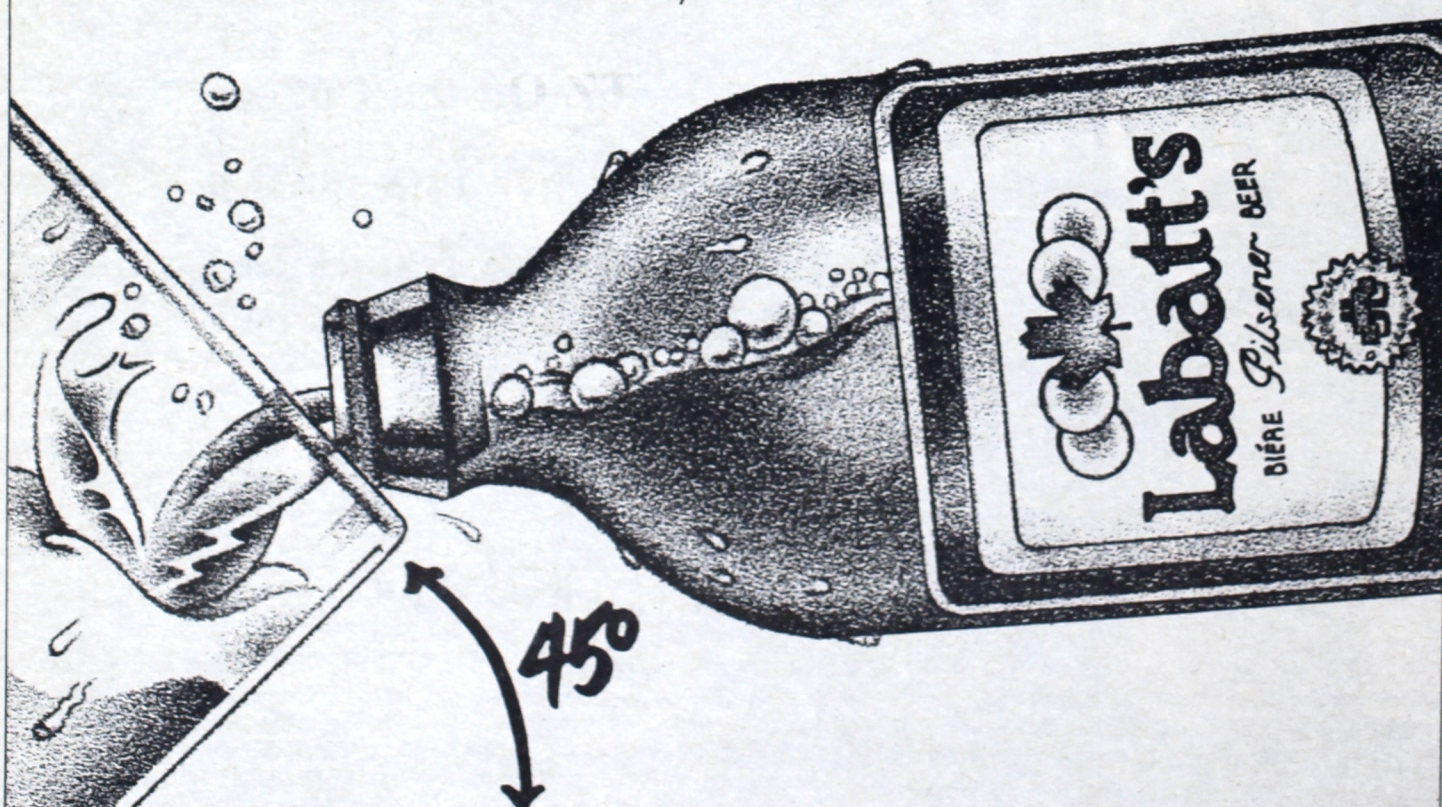
"For this to become a truly credible and representative institution, it has to take into account the institutions that are not members at the present time, and what, if anything, could possibly bring them under (the federation) umbrella. In the University of Ottawa's case, the addressing of francophone representation would have to be taken up before membership at the U of O was even considered," Ulehla said.

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There are many theories regarding this particular facet of the Labatt's Blue mystique. The one we favour builds a beer head from the bottom. Start by keeping the glass upright and pouring down the middle until a head begins to form. Stop, let the foam build, then tilt the glass to a forty-five degree angle and continue to pour down the side. As the glass fills, bring it back to the upright position leaving a head about two fingers tall. The Labatt's Blue pour is always followed by the ever popular Labatt's Blue "unpour", an exercise in which many of you are already well-versed.



Lesson #1 from the College of Blue Knowledge

SPORTS

Soccer Vees Lead Eastern Division

Laurentian soccer Vees took a giant step towards a first place finish in the Eastern Division of the O.U.A.A. soccer league by taking 3 out of a possible four points from Toronto adversaries last weekend. In a torrential down-pour Friday night, Laurentian flooded the York goal with shots, whipping the Yeomen 4-1 while on Sunday the Vees came back with a performance that coach Greg Zorbas termed the "best game that a Laurentian team has played in quite a few years", gaining a 1-1 tie with a formidable University of Toronto squad.

Dave Gutcher led the Voyageurs on Friday scoring twice with Keith Bridge Martin Wigstol netting the other goals. Dan Uockovic replied with the lone York marker. Gutcher kept his scoring touch intact until Sunday when he took a perfect pass from Paul Smith to give Laurentian the tie. Ricardo Zane had scored in the first minute of play on a breakaway to give the Blues the early lead but Laurentian quickly regained their composure and played superb soccer for the rest of the afternoon.

Greg Zorbas, stating that his goal this weekend was to come back with 3 out of 4 points, was extremely pleased with his

players' performances. "It's very, very encouraging to see that we are playing our best soccer now", said Zorbas. "Toronto has a fine team, with superb personnel. I would be shocked to see any team better than Toronto", he added. Coach Zorbas singled out Keith Bridge for his outstanding play, noting that "Keith is playing his best soccer in his 4-year career here at Laurentian!"

Bridge, who anchors a strong Vees defense, is in his graduation year at Laurentian and would certainly like to go out a winner. "I think that we should aim for the Ontario final at least but it certainly is a realistic goal to try and make the C.I.A.U. semi-finals. We played very well on the weekend although, being concerned about at least trying against Toronto, we did slip back into somewhat of a defensive shell. We still managed to put together four real good halves on the road, something we haven't managed to do all year!"

Vees captain Lane McAdam echoed many of his teammate's feelings. "I'm very satisfied with the way we're playing, though we probably should have won on Sunday. It's not going to be a cakewalk from here on in but we do have

an excellent team. It doesn't have the most raw talent I've seen but we play extremely well as a unit."

Both players see the home-field advantage as a definite factor. "Road trips take a lot out of you. When you're at home, you can relax and play your game," noted McAdam. The soccer season is far from over at Laurentian as the Vees close out the season with 4 home games. This coming weekend, they will face

Queen's on both Saturday and Sunday with both games beginning at 1 p.m. They finish off the regular season with games against Trent and Carleton the following weekend.

It's very likely Laurentian will capture first place in the East Division, thereby carrying the home-field advantage right on through to the C.I.A.U. final something many Laurentianers would love to see!!

C.I.A.U. RANKINGS

1. McGill
2. University of New Brunswick
3. Western
4. LAURENTIAN
5. Victoria
6. UBC
7. University of P.E.I.
8. Toronto
9. Concordia
10. Dalhousie



LAURENTIAN
UNIVERSITY
SLO-PITCH
TOURNAMENT
1983



by Craig Campbell

This year's edition of Laurentian University's intramural Slo-Pitch Tournament provided the weekend of October 1 and 2 with plenty of excitement. Although fog covered the grounds of the Terry Fox Memorial Sports Centre to delay the women's tournament one hour, the sunshine made up as the day progressed.

By 4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 1, the women's circuit concluded with Huntington clinching the Grand Championship, led by MVP, Lorraine Berrg.

The men's tournament began Sunday, October 2 and was led by the play of the University of Sudbury Stokers who clinched the Grand Championship. U of S defeated the Thorneloe Nads with the heroics of MVP Lc Marchland who playing in

left-field, made several superb catches.

Thanks to all who participated as well as the umpires, who made the event a successful one!

Women's Grand Championship

Huntington 12 vs Penthouse
Sweets 0

Women's Consolation Championship

UC "67's" 11 vs SSR
Honolulu 8

Men's Grand Championship

U of S 12 vs Thorneloe 5

Men's Consolation Championship

UC Bad Company 14 vs UC
Barn Owls 3

MEN'S INTRAMURAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY* OCTOBER 13

Superior 6 p.m.
Northern 7 p.m.
Edelbrau 8 p.m.
Extra Light 9 p.m.

U.C. Schooners vs. U.C. Trojans
Canadian Shields vs. Huntington Hawks
Tasmanian Devils vs. NO-NAMES
U.C. Octogons vs. U of S Stokers

BELINDA METZ On the College Beat!

Friday, October 14th 8:00 p.m.

Price: \$2.50 with Happy Hour

BELINDA METZ on the
COLLEGE BEAT!

Students at twenty colleges and universities throughout Ontario are in for an entertainment feat when the "Craven College Tour" hits the road in the Fall.

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The College Tour sponsored by the Manufacturer of Craven "A" cigarettes commences on September 15 at Wilfred Laurier University and will tour until November 10.

These concerts are a MUST for those who like the wonderful combination of music, sex appeal and dramatic visual!

THORNELOE THUNDERBYRDS

Welcome back Thunderbyrds! Hope you all had a great turkey weekend and are ready to hit the books again after the holiday.

Big things have been happening up in our little next in the last couple of weeks. The Second Floor Men's Cutlural Society kicked off the 1983-84 social season last Friday night with a wine and cheese in the social centre. Everyone looked great, thanks to the warning in the invitations about dress code! No really, it was a nice treat for the underprivileged from the lower classes and we really appreciate it. Thanks a lot guys!

On Saturday the Thornloe College guys baseball team had an extremely good showing at the inter-mural men's baseball tournament. The Thunderbyrds made it into the finals and were beaten there by the Los Angeles Dodgers. No, I guess it wasn't the Dodgers, but they had to be about that good to Jeff (Weffy) Davies, Mike McDonald, Paul (Shit-head) Mann and all the others who turned out for that one.

So guys, you've really got a

reputation going for yourselves. I guess that's why your first inter-mural football game was cancelled. Somebody out there is scared!

The Thorneloe-sponsored first annual Student Variety Night was a smashing success Wednesday night, thanks to the hard work of Gord Seiter and Ron Toumayan who co-ordinated it. We all look forward to next year's show, after seeing how well it went over this year.

Congratulations go out this week to the successful candidates in the Thorneloe Student's Council election. Representing the student body for the 1983-84 academic year are Stephen Douvill (4th year), Adrian Hayes (3rd year), Tracey Mason (2nd year), and Chris Courtin (1st year). I'm sure we can look for great things from you as you form the social committee for this year.

So, bye for not Thunderbyrds. Don't work too hard, and remember, next Tuesday is our bake sale so get cracking!

The Byrd

STROKER'S BOX

"Little Bo Peep
Has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to
find them.

So some cute little lambs
Have now become RAMMs
To bring Stroker news to
you."

Well Stokers, it's been a long time. We've already got our nose to the grindstone; Froshweek is long gone but not so easily forgotten--right Frosh? You've been pretty good sports, or have? Shirley's Coice has settled well into residence with minimal rubbling. A big welcome to Sister Shirley, our new Assistant Director. You're doing a great job! (How long will it last though, eh Luc?)

Congrats to Laurentian maintenance and administra-

tion for finally putting a light on the U of S path. What were you waiting for, another attempted rape?

Some of our flock seem to be walking off in the the night, right 1st Blue? Reminder: Only wimps get caught raiding. And you 2nd Gold, have you been in any swamps lately?

Our annual Animal Night--a nocturnal excursion of imbibing and inebriation--will be held this Friday, so let's go all out and make U of S history once again. Other dates to remember are: 2nd Red Floor Party, Fri. Oct. 21 and 'beerfest' Weekend, Oct. 28.

See you next week,
Your newly adopted RAMMs.
P.S. Congrats to M.A.D. & D.L. on their recent engagement!

Classified

U.C. Membership cards will be on sale Thursday, Oct. 13, in front of the mail boxes on Student Street, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or in Sherry's room anytime.

WOMEN TALKING TO WOMEN

An informal consciousness-raising group is now organizing among us. Women are talking to women about the vital issues that concern us.

If you are interested please feel free to come to our second meeting Monday, October 17 at 1 p.m. at Lambda, G-1 Student Street.

Anyone interested in joining the Laurentian University Progressive Conservative Campus Association, please call 674-2976.

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UNICORNIA

JOHNNY MORELLI ORGANIZES RAID!

First things first: Scamp, due to your alcoholic problems which clearly have a negative effect on your writing abilities, you have been banned for life from writing Unicornia.

As usual, 2nd floor started the raiding season this year, and as usual, got caught in the act (You losers!). 6th and 7th couldn't wait to get in on the act and, as expected, got caught as well.

On a more serious note (as reporters, we feel it is our duty to be honest with our readers and tell all the facts available), the two of us personally saw Wilma and Sherry tied to chairs and performing acts of S. & M. on each other. We feel that such immoral acts by sick persons are a detriment to such a respectable place as UC, especially when performed by a don and a proctor.

Happy birthday to Ray, Calinda, and Newf, who all managed to make fools of themselves in one way or the other (this year Ray only hurled 7 times).

Our first floor party of the year was a real "splash", right Trav? (Liquor's funny that way). I, Oppy, would like to thank Heather for having her mother teach me how to square dance.

All in all, the first month has been by most, and to those who haven't been participating, please come and join the rest of the family!

We hope to see as many out to French River as possible this weekend, and that includes our friends from SSR.

Love

Oppy and Wop

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SUDBURY ONTARIO CANADA

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The Chinese Student Association would like to inform students of our new committee members for 1983-1984.

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A GOOD place to EAT

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